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AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below.

AFFIRMATION OF ELECTION

Applicants affirm the election of claims 1-5, 8-12, 15-18, and 21-35 of Group II for prosecution on the merits. Please cancel claims 6-7, 13-14, and 19-20 without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amended claims are indicated as such in the parenthetical following the claim number. Further, enclosed herewith is Appendix A titled "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made" which corresponds to the amendments to the claims made herein.

Please cancel claims 6-8, 13-14, and 19-20.

Please amend claims 31 and 32.

1. A heat regulating element comprising:

a regulating element frame defining a fluid inlet and a fluid outlet; and